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and paints (10.29 percent); marine products (7.39 percent); ceramics and glass (6.29 percent); oils, fats, waxes, and soap (5.28 percent); and metals and metal products (3.56 percent).

Prior to 1948, the harbors in the Lu-shun-Ta-lien area were blockaded by the KMT. The only trade activities possible were with North Korea and North Manchuria. In addition, industrial and farm production in this area had not yet recovered and it became increasingly important to import food for the people. In 1948 factories were restored and agriculture developed on a large scale. This year, in 1949, as a result of industrial development, exports have exceeded imports.

Ta-lien is the focal point for collection and distribution of products of the Northeast. Prior to the surrender of the Japanese, Ta-lien harbor had the facilities to load and unload, 12 million tons annually and the ability to accommodate 40 medium-size vessels at one time, with loading and unloading space. Ships with a displacement of 20,000 tons were able to anchor in the harbor.

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